

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the current title with the following:

PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AN EASY OPEN DEVICE FOR
“FLOW PACK” OR SIMILAR PACKAGES WITH LONGITUDINAL SEAMS

Page 2, before the first paragraph (line 1), please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, please replace the second full paragraph with the following:

More specifically, it relates to a process for placing a ~~detaching~~ detachable or easy open strip in packages with longitudinal seams and ~~transversal~~ transverse closures in ~~[in]~~ which, because of their current manufacturing characteristics, said opening is made by tearing, with the risk of spillage of the packaged product and subsequent destruction of the package. It could be said that package manufacturing techniques are divided into packages with and without longitudinal seams and ~~transversal~~ transverse closures. The first are the so-called “Flow Pack” packages and the second are the so-called “portfolio” and/or wrapper packages.

Page 5, please replace lines 8-9 with the following:

It would interfere with the heat seal areas, making the sealing ~~{the-sealing}~~ difficult, acting as a potential contamination factor.

Page 6, before the last full paragraph, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 9, before the second paragraph, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 9, please replace lines 9-10 with the following:

Figure[s] Figures 4 A to C show an easy open sequence with the free end of the ~~detaching~~ detachable strip located on the longitudinal seam of the Flow Pack packages.

Page 10, please replace the heading “Detailed description of the invention” with the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 12, please replace the last paragraph, beginning with “As indicates,” with the following:

As indicated, these ~~detaching~~ detachable strips (5) are laced along the width of the siliconed carrier (10) that supports them. This means that they will be deposited [transversally] transversely with respect to the machine direction and perpendicular to the readable printing on the packaging film (1). The release area (17, Figure 5 ~~figures 5 and 6~~) can be generated on just one face of the package (7) or on all of them (with total detachment of the portion of the package above said strip). The fact that the release area (17, Figure 5 ~~figures 5 and 6~~) is not the total perimeter of the package (7) makes it possible to use an easy open/close element (11, Figures 3 and 5) that enables said package (7) to be closed for subsequent use, thus preserving the product to be consumed. This easy open/close element (11, Figures 3 and 5) can either be affixed to one face of said package (7) or inside said package (7) as a self-sticking label.

Page 24, please delete the “Summary” in its entirety.